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SUBJ: ANGRA I FUEL LICENSE: GOB MAINTAINS EXPECTATION

REF: BRASILIA 7328

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN LUIS LAMPREIA REAFFIRMED ON SEPTEMBER 12 THAT AS LONG AS THE CONTRACT FOR PROVIDING AMERICAN ENRICHED URANIUM IS NOT VIOLATED, THERE WILL NOT BE ANY OFFICIAL REACTION. LAMPREIA HAS CONSISTENTLY REFUSED TO COMMENT ON PRESS SPECULATION ON THE FATE OF THE ANGRA I FUEL LICENSE. AT THE SAME TIME, HE HAS FOLLOWED A CONSISTENT PATTERN OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS OF INDICATING THAT THE GOB EXPECTS DELIVERY AND (REPORTEDLY ON SEPTEMBER 12) "EVERYTHING CONTINUES TO RUN ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE."

2. LAMPREIA DISAVOWED A STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO A FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE IN THE SEPTEMBER 11 FOLHA DE SAO PAULO THAT WASHINGTON WOULD CREATE "A PROFOUND BREACH, THE GRAVEST UP TO NOW IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS" IF US CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION SHOULD PROHIBIT FULFILLMENT OF THE CONTRACT. LAMPREIA IS QUOTED IN THE SEPTEMBER 13 FOLHA
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AS SAYING THAT COMMENT WAS NEITHER AUTHORIZED NOR DID IT REPRESENT THE VIEW OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. COMMENT. TO DATE THE "PROFOUND BREACH" THEME HAS APPEARED IN NO OTHER NEWSPAPER, AND LAMPREIA APPEARS TO US TO BE VIGOROUSLY ATTEMPTING TO KEEP COOL TE ENTIRE SUBJECT OF THE ANGRA I CONTRACT. END COMMENT

3. MINISTER OF MINES AND ENERGY SHIGEAKI UEKI IS THE FIRST MINISTER TO SPEAK PUBLICLY ON SUBJECT. ON SEPTEMBER 12 IN RIO DE JANEIRO UEKI REPORTEDLY SAID THERE IS NO BASIS FOR SPECULATION ABOUT THE MATTER, BECAUSE THERE EXISTS A SERVICE CONTRACT ON ENRICHMENT WHICH IS RECOGNIZED BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS. UEKI IS QUOTED IN FOLHA DE SAO PAULO: "UP TO NOW THERE IS NOT INFORMATION ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF NOT BEING FURNISHED THE SERVICE OF ENRICHMENT. ON THE CONTRARY, URANIUM FURNISHED BY SOUTH AFRICA AND WHICH WAS CHEMICALLY TREATED IN ENGLAND, HAS ALREADY BEEN DELIVERED TO THE OFFICIAL AMERICAN AGENCY (ERDA) WHICH HAS ALREADY DELIVERED IT (ENRICHED URANIUM) TO WESTINGHOUSE TO BE CONVERTED INTO FUEL ELEMENTS WHICH WILL BE SHIPPED TO BRASIL AT THE END OF NOVEMBER OR BEGINNING OF DECEMBER." WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE LAST PHRASE (WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN CLIPPED) UEKI WAS HEARD TO SAY THE ABOVE ON NATIONAL TELEVISION NEWS ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 12.

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